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TRANSMITTAL

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Sir/Madam:

Please file the following enclosed documents in the subject application:

- 1. This Transmittal with Certificate of Mailing;
- 2. Part B of Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85, including a Deposit Account Authorization (in duplicate);
- 3. Communication to the Examiner, including three (3) sheets of Replacement Drawings;
- Letter to the Official Draftsperson, including three (3) sheets of 4. Replacement Drawings;
- Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance: and 5.
- 6. Our return postcard which we would appreciate you date stamping and returning to us.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir/Madam:

The indication in the Notice of Allowance mailed 3 July 2006 that Claims 3, 6-10, 13-18, 21, 22, 25-29, 32, 33, and 35-40 of the subject Application, have been allowed, is noted with appreciation. However, the Applicant would like to comment on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

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REMARKS:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, the Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, the Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations, or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION:

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COMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER

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Enclosed herewith are three (3) replacement sheets of formal drawings for filing in the subject Application. A copy of the replacement sheets of formal drawings is being sent herewith to the Official Draftsperson.

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REMARKS:

A Notice of Allowance including a Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review in the subject Application was mailed to the undersigned on 3 July 2006. The Notice indicates that corrected drawings (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. The Notice further indicates that the Issue Fee is due by 3 October 2006. In response, the Applicant is submitting herewith the three (3) sheets of replacement drawings, marked as "replacement sheets". In addition, a copy of the replacement sheets of formal drawings is being sent herewith to the Official Draftsperson. No new matter has been added.

The Applicant is submitting herewith the replacement sheets of formal drawings concurrently herewith the payment of the Issue Fee. The Examiner may call the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, at (817) 447-9955 if there are any questions regarding the replacement sheets of formal drawings or if the Examiner believes that it would be easier to discuss the replacement sheets of formal drawings over the telephone.

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